

American Library Association's
Rainbow Round Table

**2025 Rainbow
Book List**

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Introduction



The 2025 Rainbow Book List is excited to present its selection of books celebrating LGBTQIA+ youth and families, spanning from birth to age 18. The compilation includes over 175 titles released between July 1, 2023, and December 31, 2024.

With the attacks against and removal of so many queer stories from public and school libraries, the existence of this list is vital to continue to assist librarians, educators, caregivers, LGBTQIA+ members, and community allies in selecting quality LGBTQIA+ stories to include in their collections. Over the last few years, our job as librarians to fight for the inclusion of stories that reflect and celebrate the existence of all genders and sexual identities has become increasingly difficult. Unfortunately, the fact that this list exists will anger those individuals who wish to erase and censor queer identities and challenge titles in library collections.

And through it all, we remain encouraged that so many queer stories are continuing to be told. The experiences of LGBTQIA+ youth and families deserve to be represented and included in ALL library collections. It is our hope that the work of this committee will help stakeholders be intentional about including these stories in their collections and libraries. And to those who support and use this list, we thank you.

This past year, the Rainbow Book List committee assessed more than 550 books, enabling us to continue to offer two distinct top 10 lists. The Top Ten Titles for Young Readers are tailored for readers from birth to middle school, while the Top Ten Titles for Teen Readers cater to a young adult audience. Throughout the annotated list, the presence of an asterisk (*) signifies that a title has earned a spot on one of the top ten lists.

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Top Ten Titles for Young Readers



2025 Rainbow Book List Top 10 Books for Young Readers!

The Curse of Eelgrass Bog by Mary Averling

Noah Frye Gets Crushed by Maggie Horne

Linus and Etta Could Use a Win by Caroline Huntoon

Family is Family by Melissa Marr, Illustrated by Marcos Almada Rivero

Jimmy's Rhythm & Blues: The Extraordinary Life of James Baldwin by Michelle Meadows, Illustrated by Jamiel Law

Marley's Pride by Joëlle Retener, Illustrated by DeAnn Wiley

Murray Out of Water by Taylor Tracy

Lunar Boy by Jes and Cin Wibowo

Just Lizzie by Karen Wilfrid

How Are You, Verity? By Meghan Wilson Duff, Illustrated by Taylor Barron

Top Ten Titles for Teen Readers



2025 Rainbow Book List Top 10 Books for Teen Readers!

Icarus by K. Ancrum

Kindling by Traci Chee

Ariel Crashes a Train by Olivia A. Cole

Rana Joon and the One & Only Now by Shideh Etaat

Canto Contigo by Jonny Garza Villa

How the Boogeyman Became a Poet by Tony Keith Jr.

Breathe: Journeys to Healthy Binding by Maia Kobabe and Dr. Sarah Peitzmeier

Flyboy by Kasey LeBlanc

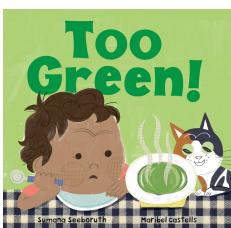
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Dear Wendy By Ann Zhao

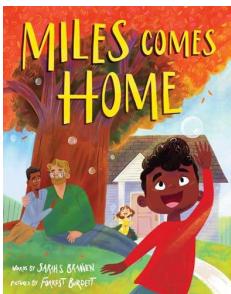
Preschool Titles



Board Book, Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 0-2
Herrior, Lindsay. *It's a They.* 2024. 20p. Orca. \$10.95 (9781459837652).
Siblings use gender-neutral pronouns to welcome a new baby into the family.



Board Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 0-4
Seeboruth, Sumana and Castells, Maribel (illustrator). *Too Green!*. 2023. 26p. Barefoot Books. \$8.99 (9781646869930).
Green vegetable soup? Yuck! No way! A boy helps his Mum and Mama cook dinner, and after watching them enjoy their meal, he agrees to give it a try and discovers that maybe green isn't so bad after all.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 3-6
Brannen, Sarah S. and Burdett, Forrest (illustrator). *Miles Comes Home: An Uncle Bobby Story of Adoption.* 2024. 32p. Little Bee Books. \$18.99 (9781499814736).
Miles' adoption day is filled with emotions as he is welcomed by his loving dads, Teddy and David, and his new big sister, Michelle.

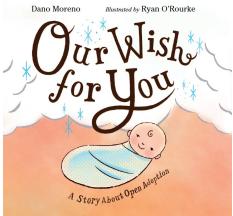


Picture Book, Fiction –Realistic, Ages 3-8
Kirst, Seamus and Bunting, Karen (illustrator). *Harper Becomes a Big Sister.* 2024. 32p. Magimation. \$18.99 (9781433843143).
Harper and her two dads welcome home an adopted baby brother. Though living with a baby is occasionally a struggle, Harper learns what it's like to be a big sibling in a family full of love.



Picture Book, Fiction – Animals, Ages 3-7
***Marr, Melissa and Rivero, Marcos Almada (illustrator).** *Family is Family.* 2024. 32p. Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593462515).
Little Chick travels to school and encounters the many forms family can take. Some families have two moms (like Little Chick!), some have brothers or sisters, some have a mom and dad, and some just have one parent! Little Chick learns that all families look different but family can be shared and enjoyed by all.

Preschool Titles



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 3-7

Moreno, Dano and O'Rourke, Ryan (illustrator). *Our Wish For You: A Story About Open Adoption.* 2023. 32p. Charlesbridge. \$17.99 (9781623543556).

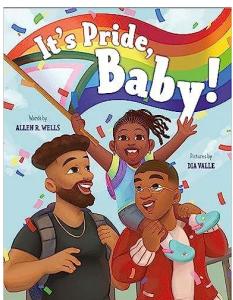
In celebration of an open adoption, the birth mother and the adoptive parents share the same universal wishes for the new baby.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 3-7

Tregonning, Robert and Curnick, Pippa (illustrator). *The Dress in the Window.* 2024. 32p. Flyaway Books. \$19.00 (9781947888463).

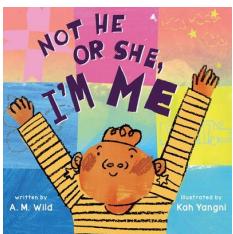
While shopping with his mother, a boy sees a pretty red dress in a shop window, and he works as many odd jobs as possible to afford it.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 3-5

Wells, Allen R. and Valle, Dia (illustrator). *It's Pride, Baby!.* 2024. 32p. Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9780374390693).

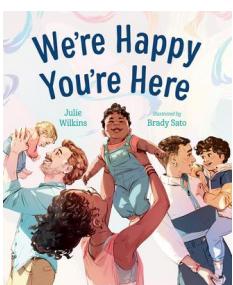
As a queer family celebrates Black Pride in Washington, D.C, they remind their child just how much they shine.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 3-6

Wild, A.M. and Yangni, Kah (illustrator). *Not He or She, I'm Me.* 2023. 32p. Henry Hold BFYR/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781250818607).

As a nonbinary child gets ready for their day, they are reminded of all the ways they can be themselves.

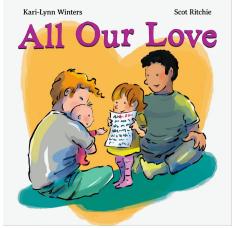


Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic Ages 3-5

Wilkins, Julie and Sato, Brady (illustrator). *We're Happy You're Here.* 2024. 32p. Orca. \$21.95 (9781459836488).

This picture book celebrates the joy of preparing to welcome a child, with contemporary illustrations depicting diverse families and their communities of support.

Preschool Titles

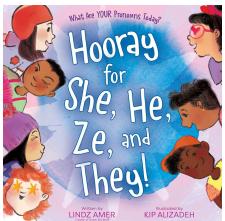


Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 3-8

Winters, Kari-Lynn and Ritchie, Scott (illustrator). All Our Love. 2024. 32p. North Winds Press/Scholastic Canada. \$8.99 (9781443198813).

Sofia is nervous for the arrival of her new brother, Oliver. Sure that everything is going to change, she writes a letter to Oliver that captures all of her worries but also all of her excitement and love that she and her family have to give.

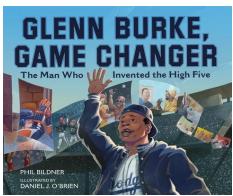
Early Elementary Titles



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 4-8

Amer, Lindz and Alizadeh, Kip (illustrator). *Hooray for She, He, Ze, and They!: What Are Your Pronouns Today?*. 2024. 32p. Simon & Schuster BFYR/Simon & Schuster. \$18.99 (9781665931144).

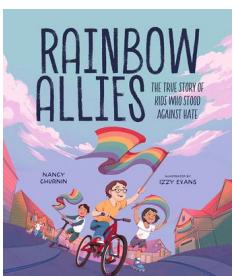
Readers can find empowerment in their own identities as they read this informational introduction to pronouns and gender euphoria.



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 6-9

Bildner, Phil and O'Brien, Daniel J. (illustrator). *Glenn Burke, Game Changer: The Man Who Invented the High Five*. 2024. 40p. Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9780374391225).

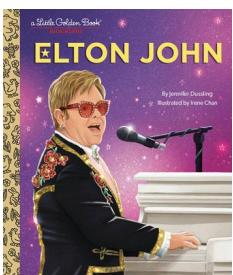
Glenn Burke, a Black gay baseball player in the 1970s, was known for his spirit on and off the field. This picture book biography showcases the life and baseball career of this high-fiving game changer.



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 4-7

Churnin, Nancy and Evans, Izzy (illustrator). *Rainbow Allies: The True Story of Kids Who Stood Against Hate*. 2024. 40p. Beaming Books/1517 Media. \$18.99 (9781506488448).

In this true story, a Massachusetts neighborhood rallies together to help a lesbian couple feel welcomed and loved again after experiencing anti-LGBTQ hate.



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 4-8

Dussling, Jennifer and Chan, Irene (illustrator). *Elton John: A Little Golden Book Biography*. 2024. 24p. Golden Books/Penguin Random House. \$5.99 (9780593647301).

This Little Golden Book introduces young readers to the life of music legend Elton John by recording his journey from a young piano player to an iconic Grammy-winning artist.

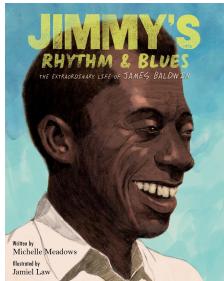


Picture Book, Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 4-8

Kephart, Beth and Bristol, Chloe (illustrator). *Good Books for Bad Children: The Genius of Ursula Nordstrom*. 2023. 48p. Anne Schwartz Books/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593379578).

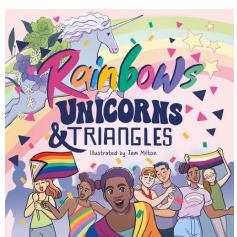
From boarding school to editor for Harper, Ursula Nordstrom championed the idea that children deserved to be centered in works written for them and shepherded many of the books that did just that, including those of Maurice Sendak, Margaret Wise Brown, E.B. White, and others!

Early Elementary Titles



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 4-8

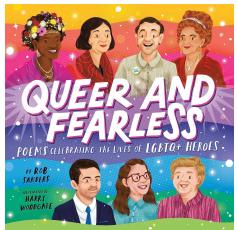
***Meadows, Michelle and Law, Jamiel (illustrator).** *Jimmy's Rhythm & Blues: The Extraordinary Life of James Baldwin.* 2024. 48p. HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063273474). This first-ever picture book biography introduces readers to Jimmy, the legendary Harlem Renaissance writer and activist who discovered his passionate voice through the written word.



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 5+

Milton, Jem (illustrator). *Rainbows, Unicorns, and Triangles: Queer Symbols Throughout History.* 2024. 40p. Jessica Kingsley Publishers. \$17.95 (9781805010418).

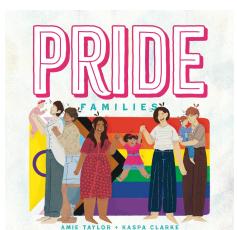
Within these pages readers will learn about how LGBTQIA2S+ people have historically used signs and symbols to communicate with each other, create safe spaces, and celebrate who they are.



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Poetry, Ages 6-9

Sanders, Rob and Woodgate, Harry (illustrator). *Queer and Fearless: Poems Celebrating the Lives of LGBTQ+ Heroes.* 2024. 32p. Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593523698).

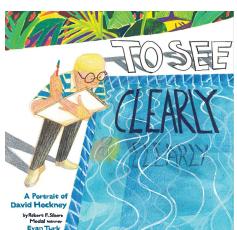
Young readers will learn about the lives and legacies of seventeen heroes of the queer community from both past and present. Marsha P. Johnson, Harvey Milk, Cleve Jones, Pauline Park, Richard Blanco, and Pete Buttigieg are just a few of the iconic figures represented in this wonderfully designed and colorful picture book.



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 5+

Taylor, Amie and Clarke, Kaspa (illustrator). *Pride Families.* 2024. 40p. Jessica Kingsley Publishers. \$2024 (9781839976810).

This book focuses on different family structures associated with the LGBTQ+ community. It also includes a guide to help adults explain important terms surrounding pregnancy, conception, surrogacy, and donors to younger children.

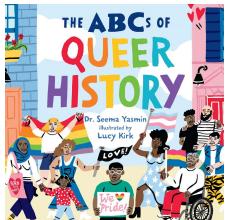


Picture Book, Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 4-8

Turk, Evan. *To See Clearly: A Portrait of David Hockney.* 2023. 48p. Harry N. Abrams/Abrams. \$19.99 (9781419752902).

This biography introduces young readers to British artist, David Hockney, by documenting his journey from childhood art lover to iconic figure in the Pop Art movement.

Early Elementary Titles



Picture Book, Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 5+

Yasmin, Dr. Seema and Kirk, Lucy (illustrator). *The ABCs of Queer History*. 2024. 64p.

Workman/Algonquin. \$18.99 (9781523518548).

This alphabet book highlights and celebrates queer history in the United States from A to Z, presenting bold ideas for big thinkers in every letter!



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Chiang, Sylv and Ball, Mathias (illustrator). *Still My Tessa*. 2024. 32p. North Winds Press/Scholastic. \$19.99 (9781443196246).

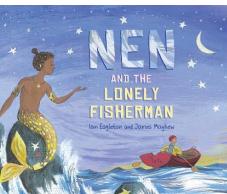
Evelyn is worried about her sibling, Tessa, as they are growing up, growing apart, and growing out of many of the games they used to play together. The two reconnect through Evelyn's persistent support of Tessa's new pronouns and nonbinary identity.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Clarkson, Chris and Jarema, Julie (illustrator). *Chloe and the Fireflies*. 2024. 32p. Abrams BFYR/Abrams. \$18.99 (9781419766480).

In her new foster home, Chloe experiences a sense of belonging and makes a heartfelt wish to stay.

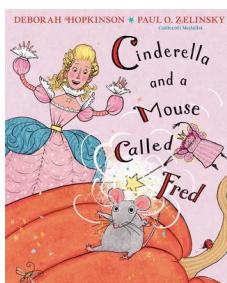


Picture Book, Fiction – Fairy Tales, Ages 4-8

Eagleton, Ian and Mayhew, James (illustrator). *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman*. 2024. 32p.

Little Bee Books. \$18.99 (9781499815931).

Far out at sea and deep below whispering waves lives a merman searching for a partner. In the forbidden world above, a kind fisherman wonders if something more is waiting for him beyond the horizon. When they find each other under a star-filled sky, their love will change both of their worlds.

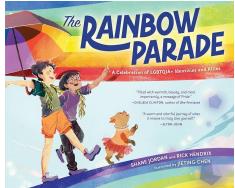


Picture Book, Fiction – Fairy Tales, Ages 4-8

Hopkinson, Deborah and Zelinsky, Paul O. (illustrator). *Cinderella and a Mouse Called Fred*. 2023. 48p. Anne Schwartz Books/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593480038).

In this charming and hilarious retelling from the point of view of Fred the coach mouse, Cinderella plants the seeds—figuratively and literally—for her own happily-ever-after-love-story with a female farmer.

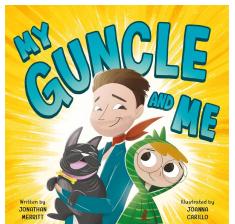
Early Elementary Titles



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Jordan, Shane and Hendrix, Rick and Chen, Jieting (illustrator). *The Rainbow Parade: A Celebration of LGBTQIA+ Identities and Allies.* 2024. 32p. Sourcebook Jabberwocky/Sourcebooks. \$18.99 (9798887701660).

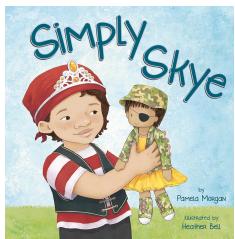
During a stormy pride parade, a young child and their supportive father meet and help a nonbinary child feel comfortable in their own skin.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Merritt, Jonathan and Carillo, Joanna (illustrator). *My Guncle and Me.* 2024. 32p. Running Press Kids/Hachette. \$18.99 (9780762485611).

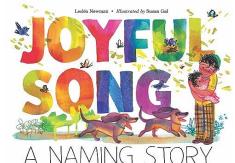
A young boy named Henry has a hard time at school and feels different from everyone else. But with the help of his gay uncle, Henry learns the importance of staying true to yourself.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 6-8

Morgan, Pamela and Bell, Heather (illustrator). *Simply Skye.* 2023. 32p. Amicus Publishing/The Creative Company. \$18.99 (9781681528946).

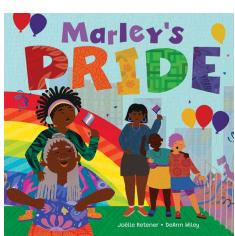
Avi and their doll Skye explore gender identity and expression while Avi learns how to share their nonbinary identity with their family.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Newman, Lesléa and Gal, Susan (illustrator). *Joyful Song: A Naming Story.* 2024. 40p. Levine Querido/Chronicle Books. \$18.99 (9781646143702).

On their way to his new baby sister's naming ceremony, Zachary and his mothers encounter several neighbors who inquire about the baby's name. Can Zachary contain his excitement and keep the secret until they get to synagogue?

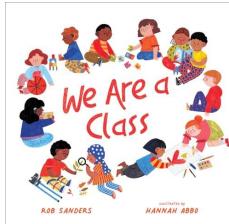


Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 3-9

***Retener, Joëlle and Wiley, DeAnn (illustrator).** *Marley's Pride.* 2024. 32p. Barefoot Books. \$17.99 (9798888590744).

Marley is anxious about crowds and loud noises, but when their Zaza is up for an award at Pride, they want to go to support their beloved grandparent. Marley finds the courage to overcome their fears in this colorful picture book that features endmatter about the history of Pride, a glossary of LGBTQ+ terms, and a list of resources.

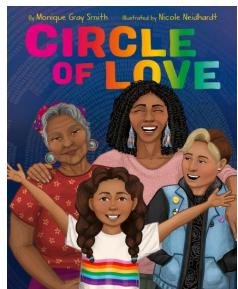
Early Elementary Titles



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-7

Sanders, Rob and Abbo, Hannah (illustrator). *We Are a Class.* 2024. 32p. Beaming Books. \$18.99 (9781506489216).

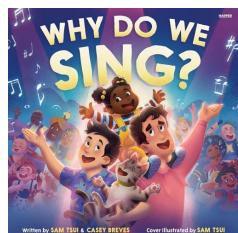
This rhyming read aloud is a triumphant affirmation of what it means to be part of a class that celebrates diversity, perfect for any class!



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Smith, Monique Gray and Neidhardt, Nicole (illustrator). *Circle of Love.* 2024. 32p. Heartdrum/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063078703).

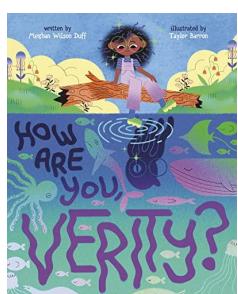
Molly introduces her family, friends, and community at the Intertribal Community Center, where they dance, sing, learn, and share love. Monique Gray Smith (Cree/Lakota) and Nicole Neidhardt (Diné) celebrate love, inclusion, and connection. Includes an author's note, contextual notes, and glossary.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

Tsui, Sam and Breves, Casey. *Why Do We Sing?*. 2024. 32p. HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063305946).

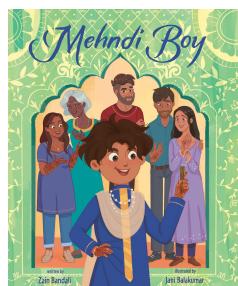
Two fathers lead their daughter through a fantastical tour of how and why various cultures make music in this celebration of diversity in music-making.



Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 4-8

***Wilson Duff, Meghan and Barron, Taylor (illustrator).** *How Are You, Verity?*. 2023. 32p. Magimation. \$18.99 (9781433841514).

Verity tests the meaning behind the question "How are you?" after a conversation with their brother makes them question whether people are genuinely asking or just greeting.

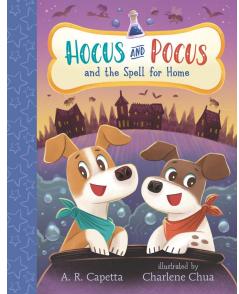


Early Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 6-11

Bandali, Zain and Balakumar, Jani (illustrator). *Mehndi Boy.* 2023. 100p. Annick Press. \$15.99 (9781773217925).

Tehzeeb discovers a passion for mehndi art, but when his uncle disapproves he must find the courage to embrace his talent and stay true to himself.

Early Elementary Titles

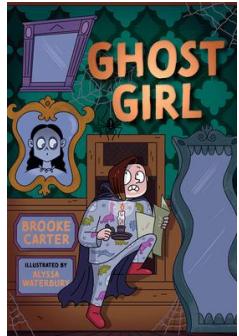


Early Chapter Book, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 5-8

Capetta, A.R. and Chua, Charlene (illustrator). *Hocus and Pocus and the Spell for Home*. 2024.

96p. Candlewick. \$16.99 (9781536224924).

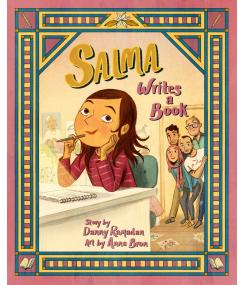
Puppies Hocus and Pocus need a family! When they sneak into Jinx's bag they meet Jinx's entire found-family of apprentices with assorted pronouns.



Early Chapter Book, Fiction – Paranormal, Ages 6-8

Carter, Brooke and Waterbury, Alyssa (illustrator). *Ghost Girl*. 2023. 104p. Orca. \$8.95 (9781459836884).

Ten-year-old Sly is staying with their grandmother at a mysterious mansion with hidden secrets. Can Sly solve the mystery of the ghost girl trapped in an antique mirror before time runs out, or will they end the night trapped as well?



Early Chapter Book, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 6-9

Ramadan, Danny and Bron, Anna (illustrator). *Salma Writes a Book*. 2023. 120p. Annick Press. \$24.99 (9781773218021).

Salma is excited to be a big sister and wants to create the ultimate guide to siblinghood. But when her mother and uncle are fighting over her uncle's queer identity, who can model a good sibling relationship for Salma's research?

Upper Elementary Titles



Nonfiction – Biography, Ages 8-12

Fabiny, Sarah and Putra, Dede (illustrator). Who Is Billie Jean King? Pub Year. 112p. Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House. \$15.99 (9780593519189).

The impactful actions of Billie Jean King are explored in this fun biography, including her career as a world renowned tennis player; her fight for gender equality; and her status as an LGBTQ+ trailblazer.



Fiction – Mystery, Ages 8-12

Aldridge, Ethan M. Deephaven. 2023. 288p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$18.99 (9780063283169).

Guinevere “Nev” Tallow accepts a mysterious invitation to attend Deephaven Academy, but their fresh start is threatened when they discover that something is trapped in the forbidden east wing—something that sobs and scratches at the walls. With the help of a new friend, Nev decides to figure out what’s going on, even if it means risking their new life.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 8-12

***Averling, Mary. The Curse of Eelgrass Bog.** 2024. 256p. Razorbill/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593624906).

Twelve-year-old Kess tries to save her family's decrepit museum of "unnatural things" with the help of only a jarred demon's head, while longing for her absent parents and worrying over a withdrawn and declining older brother. To break the curse, she enlists the help of the new girl in town, who she may be crushing on.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 8-12

Benton-Walker, Terry J. Alex Wise vs. the End of the World. 2023. 416p. Labyrinth Road/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780593564295).

Twelve-year-old Alex leads the charge against the forces of evil as he tries to stop the Four Horsemen from taking over the world.

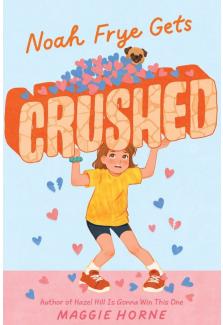


Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 8-12

Dow, Alechia. Just a Pinch of Magic. 2023. 304p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781250829115).

Wini and Kal, two young enchanters from different magical families, team up to save their small town from a love spell gone wrong—a spell one of them cast in the first place!

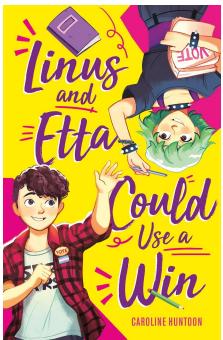
Upper Elementary Titles



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

*Horne, Maggie. *Noah Frye Gets Crushed*. 2024. 272p. HarperCollins. \$18.99 (9780063285194).

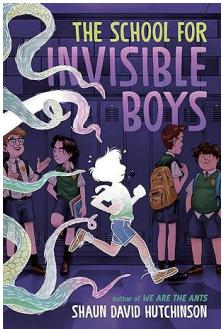
Twelve-year-old Noah Frye has a plan to fit in with her friends: develop a crush on a boy. However, when Noah discovers that her heart is pulling her toward someone she didn't intend—the cool new girl at school—her plan may be forced to change in this comedy about first crushes, friendship, and self-discovery.



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

*Huntoon, Caroline . *Linus and Etta Could Use a Win*. 2024. 224p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781250897466).

Etta, a hot-headed cynic, befriends new kid Linus, a shy trans boy, after she takes on a bet from her ex-best friend to get him elected student body president.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 8-12

Hutchinson, Shaun David. *The School for Invisible Boys*. 2024. 304p. Labyrinth Road/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9780593646298).

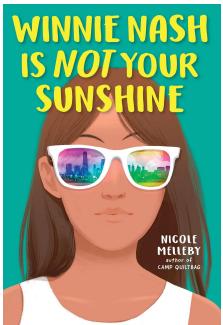
When Hector Grigg's former best friend starts bullying him, he discovers he can turn invisible! Now Hector can see other invisible things – including Orson Wellington? Can Hector find a way to save them before the terrifying creature haunting their school makes them disappear entirely?



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Leali, Michael. *The Truth About Triangles*. 2024. 336p. HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063337367).

Luca Salvatore loves making pizza in his family's restaurant. But when hit with hard times, Luca schemes to get them featured on his favorite reality tv show, with the hopes of saving his family, too.

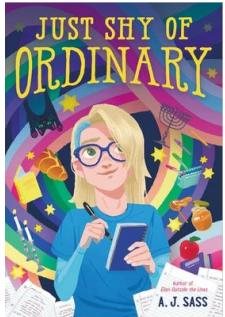


Fiction – Realistic, Ages 9-12

Melleby, Nicole. *Winnie Nash is not Your Sunshine*. 2024. 256p. Algonquin Young Readers/Hachette. \$16.99 (9781643753133).

Winnie Nash dreams of going to the New York City Pride Parade, but her plans get interrupted by family drama and secrets. Winnie must stay with her grandmother, make new friends, and learn to speak her mind if she is going to get her summer of pride!

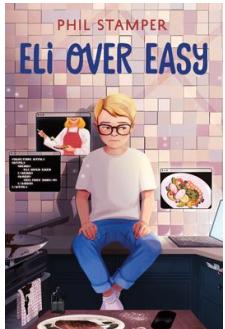
Upper Elementary Titles



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Sass, A.J. *Just Shy of Ordinary*. 2024. 352p. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette. \$16.99 (9780316506175).

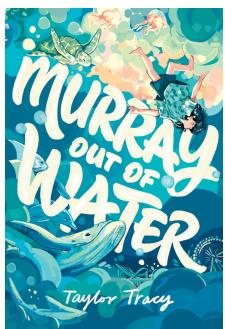
Shai, a thirteen-year-old nonbinary homeschooler, attempts to find a “new normal” post-pandemic as they start public school, meet new friends, and learn about their Jewish identity.



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Stamper, Phil. *Eli Over Easy*. 2023. 288p. HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063118836).

When Eli moves to New York City, leaving behind everyone he knows, he turns to cooking to feel connected to his dead mother.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 9-12

***Tracy, Taylor. *Murray Out of Water*.** 2024 400p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063326811).

This beautiful novel-in-verse explores one girl's struggle to regain her magic after a hurricane forces her to move away from her beloved ocean that she believes gave her special powers.



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

***Wilfrid, Karen. *Just Lizzie*.** 2023. 320p. Clarion Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063290297).

Eighth grader Lizzie's study of asexuality in science class leads her to understand her own asexual identity as she embarks on a journey toward self-discovery and self-advocacy.



Fiction – Horror, Ages 8-12

Winans, Justine Pucella. *The Otherwoods*. 2023. 304p. Bloomsbury Children's Books/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781547612543).

For as long as they can remember, River has been able to see monsters. When a monster kidnaps their only friend, River must rescue her by going through one of the portals to The Otherwoods.

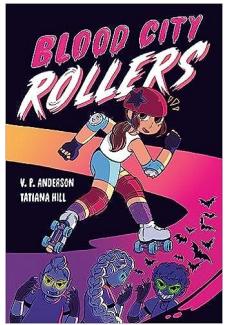
Upper Elementary Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 8-12

Aldridge, Ethan M. *The Pale Queen*. 2024. 240p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$24.99 (9780063247215).

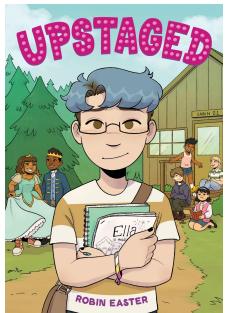
Agatha dreams of studying the stars, but her family can't afford it. When she meets the magical Lady of the Hills, Agatha is enchanted by her powers. However, as their bond grows, Agatha learns the Lady's intentions may not be as innocent as they seem, and she must find a way to protect those she loves.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Horror, Ages 8-12

Anderson, V.P. and Hill, Tatiana (illustrator). *Blood City Rollers*. 2024. 192p. Labyrinth Road/Penguin Random House. \$21.99 (9780593485699).

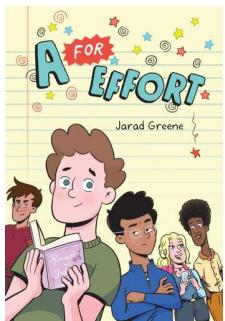
After ice-skater and Olympic hopeful Mina wipes out at her biggest competition, she gets recruited by a squad of vampires who need a human player to complete their Paranormal Roller Derby team.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 7-12

Easter, Robin. *Upstaged*. 2024. 256p. Little, Brown Ink/Hachette. \$24.99 (9780316429429).

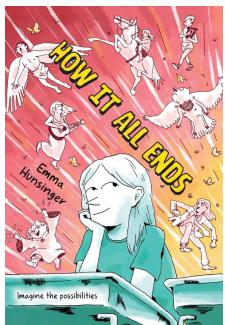
In a summer of goodbyes and new beginnings, shy Ashton Price hopes to confess to their theater camp crush.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Greene, Jarad. *A for Effort*. 2024. 224p. HarperAlley/HarperCollins. \$24.99 (9780063032880).

Jay navigates freshman year with new friends and pressures while struggling with anxiety about performing well in theater class after his favorite subject, art, is full.

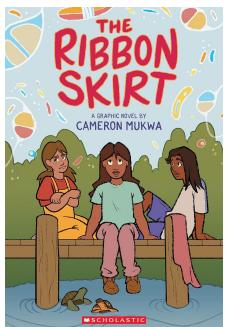


Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8+

Hunsinger, Emma. *How It All Ends*. 2024. 304p. Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins. \$15.99 (9780063158146).

Tara navigates being promoted from seventh grade straight into high school in this heartfelt graphic novel that explores the thrills and agony of adolescence.

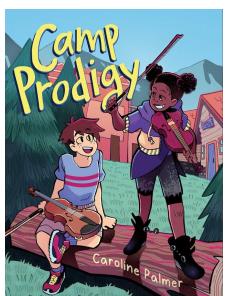
Upper Elementary Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Mukwa, Cameron. *The Ribbon Skirt*. 2024. 192p. Graphix/Scholastic Press. \$12.99 (9781338843255).

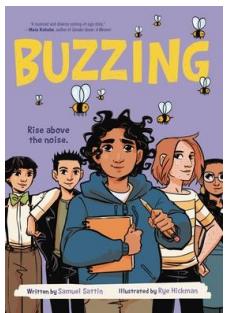
Ten-year-old Anang, a two-spirit and nonbinary kid, embarks on a journey to create a ribbon skirt for an upcoming powwow. Grappling with their fears about wearing the traditional garment, Anang gains confidence in expressing their identity.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Palmer, Caroline. *Camp Prodigy*. 2024. 256p. Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster. \$22.99 (9781665930383).

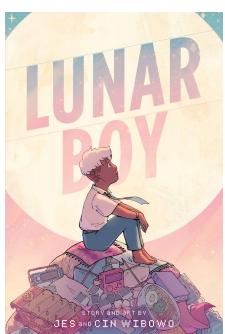
Two nonbinary kids navigate anxiety and identity all while having fun and forming friendships at their summer orchestra camp.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 8-12

Sattin, Samuel. *Buzzing*. 2023. 224p. Little, Brown Ink/Hachette. \$24.99 (9780316628433).

Twelve-year-old Isaac struggles with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. When he starts playing a tabletop roleplaying game with a group of friends, his mother and therapist are afraid that the game could worsen his symptoms, but Isaac sets out to prove them wrong.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 8-12

***Wibowo, Jes and Wibowo, Cin.** *Lunar Boy*. 2024. 240p. HarperAlley/HarperCollins. \$24.99 (9780063057609).

Indu, a trans boy who was born on the moon, discovers the joys of community and found-family in this gorgeously illustrated and colored sci-fi graphic novel.

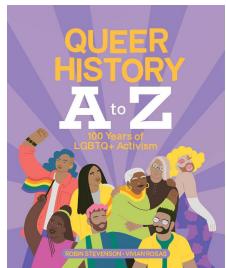


Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 8-12

Wolf, Bree D. *Hex Americana*. 2023. 380p. Iron Circus Comics. \$15.00 (9781945820762).

In a world populated with monsters, ghouls, witches, magical chickens, ghosts, and regular folks, a wannabe racer teams up with a ghost to win the local Grand Prix.

Middle School Titles



Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 10-14

Stevenson, Robin and Rosas, Vivian (illustrator). *Queer History A to Z: 100 Years of LGBTQ+ Activism.* 2024. 64p. Kids Can Press. \$21.99 (9781525308352).

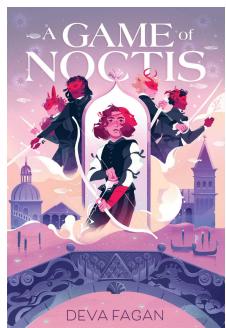
This informational text explores the history of queer activism in North America and the fight for equality for LGBTQ+ folks. The content is structured in an A-Z format, with such entries as "A Is for Activism" and "C Is for Coming Out."



Fiction – Sports, Ages 10+

Becker, Erin. *Crushing It.* 2024. 240p. Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593523643).

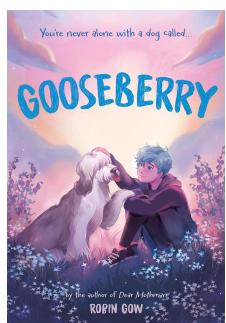
Magic Mel and Tory McNally are rivals on the field but each other's closest confidants (anonymously) online. Can these two work past their rivalry to discover what could be between them?



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 10+

Fagan, Deva. *A Game of Noctis.* 2024 320p. Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster. \$17.99 (9781665930192).

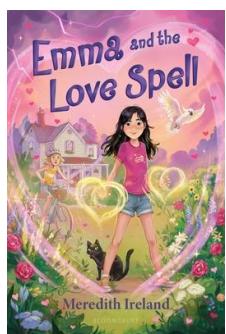
A young girl must participate in a deadly game with a ragtag team of players to save her grandfather from a terrible fate.



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 10-14

Gow, Robin. *Gooseberry.* 2024. 312p. Amulet Books/Abrams. \$18.99 (9781419764424).

B, a nonbinary foster kid with autism, dreams of adopting and training a dog. When rescue dog Gooseberry charges into their life, it feels like fate. With the support of their affirming foster moms, B faces the challenges of training a reactive dog while navigating their identity and finding a sense of belonging.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 9-12

Ireland, Meredith. *Emma and the Love Spell.* 2024. 288p. Bloomsbury Children's Books/Bloomsbury Publishing. \$17.99 (9781547612604).

Twelve-year-old Emma, a Korean American adoptee and secret witch, tries to use her powers to stop her best friend from moving away while grappling with her unspoken crush.

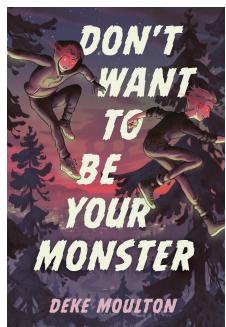
Middle School Titles



Fiction – Paranormal, Ages 10-14

Moulton, Deke. *Benji Zeb is a Ravenous Werewolf.* 2024. 304p. Tundra Books/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9781774880524).

Benji Zeb has to balance preparing for his bar mitzvah, his complicated feelings for a school bully, and being a werewolf.



Fiction – Paranormal, Ages 10-14

Moulton, Deke. *Don't Want to Be Your Monster.* 2023. 304p. Tundra Books/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9781774880494).

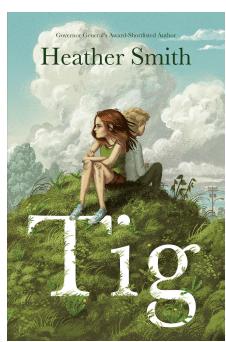
Vampire brothers Adam and Victor deal with the same ups and downs and bickering as any ordinary siblings do, but when a very unordinary threat- in the form of a possible vampire hunter- threatens their family and their lives, they'll have to work to set aside differences to stop the killer before it's too late.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 9-12

Reese, Jenn. *Puzzleheart.* 2024. 272p. Henry, Holy and Co. Books for Young Readers/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781250783462).

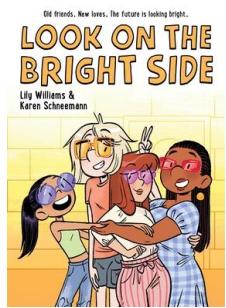
Every family has secrets, but not every family has a mysterious puzzle house! When Perigee and their dad visit their grandparent's house, they find more family tension than expected. If Perigee wants to solve their problems, they'll have to find answers to all the encoded clues at the heart of the House...if the House doesn't stop them first!



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 10+

Smith, Heather. *Tig.* 2024. 160p. Tundra Books/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780735267497).

After months living without parents or electricity, Tig and her brother Peter move in with their uncle and his partner, where Tig tries embracing her new life by cheese-wheel racing.

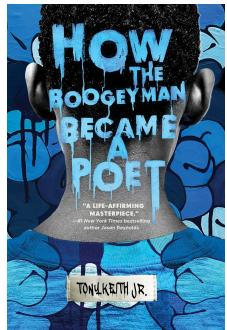


Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 10-14

Williams, Lily and Schneemann, Karen. *Look on the Bright Side.* 2023. 336p. FirstSecond/Macmillan. \$14.99 (9781250834102).

Brit grapples with feelings for a seemingly rude boy while Christine navigates her romantic feelings for Abby in this sequel to Go with the Flow.

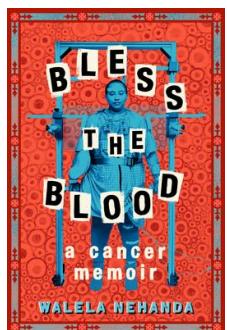
Young Adult Titles



Nonfiction- Memoir, Ages 14+

*Keith, Tony, Jr.. *How the Boogeyman Became a Poet*. 2024. 352p. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063296008).

Tony has always felt the presence of a boogeyman in his life—first as his Blackness, then as his feelings for boys. In this memoir in verse, college Tony finds his voice as he accepts who he is.



Nonfiction – Memoir, Ages 14+

Nehanda, Walela. *Bless the Blood: A Cancer Memoir*. 2024. 400p. Kokila/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780593529492). MS

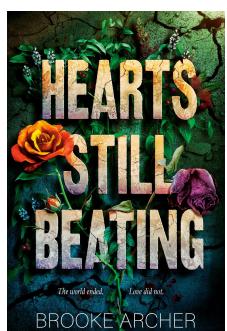
In this devastatingly beautiful memoir, Walela fights through life against abusive family members, a toxic partner, racist/fatphobic doctors, and an unexpected cancer diagnosis while finding their own self worth through therapy and supportive friends.



Fiction – Thriller, Ages 13+

*Ancrum, K. *Icarus*. 2024. 400p. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063285781).

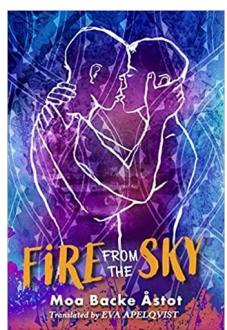
Icarus Gallagher has spent years stealing priceless works of art from the wealthy Mr. Black and replacing them with his father's forgeries. But then he is caught by Mr. Black's son, Helios. Instead of turning him in, Helios bargains for Icarus' friendship.



Fiction – Science Fiction, Ages 14-17

Archer, Brooke. *Hearts Still Beating*. 2024. 336p. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780593698327).

Two teen girls, Mara and Rory, navigate a complex web of love, infection, and survival as they reunite in an experimental resettlement program, grappling with their pasts and the looming threat of the virus that once transformed Mara into a monster.

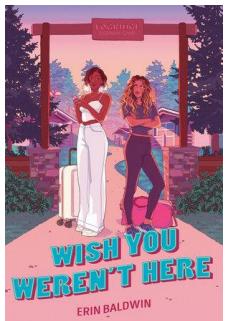


Fiction – Romance, Ages 12-18

Åstot, Moa Backe and Apelqvist, Eva (translator). *Fire from the Sky*. 2023. 216p. Levine Querido. \$19.99 (9781646142484).

Ánte knows he will continue in the Sámi tradition of working with the reindeer. But Ánte is developing feelings for his best friend, Erik, that go against the traditions of his people.

Young Adult Titles



Fiction – Romance, Ages 12+

Baldwin, Erin. *Wish You Weren't Here*. 2024. 304p. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780593622698).

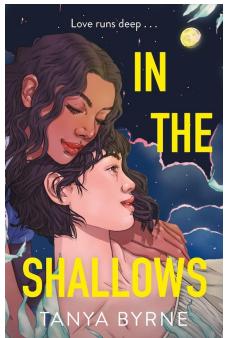
Juliette and her school rival Priya Pendley have an unspoken truce to peacefully coexist, but when Priya unexpectedly becomes Juliette's cabin mate at Fogridge Sleepaway Camp, their uneasy peace turns into something more.



Fiction – Thriller, Ages 14+

Barrow, Rebecca. *And Don't Look Back*. 2023. 336p. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99 (9781665932271).

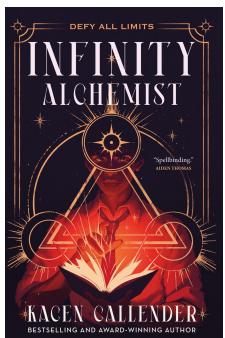
After being on the run with her mother most of her life, Harlow takes the chance to find out why she is running after her mother dies. All alone for the first time, Harlow begins to unravel the mystery and finally meet the family she longs for.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14-18

Byrne, Tanya. *In the Shallows*. 2024. 384p. Godwin Books/Macmillan. 19.99 (9781250865595).

Mara is heartbroken when Nico stands her up on New Years Eve and disappears from her life. On New Year's Day, three fishermen pull a teenager with no memory out of the water—Nico. When Mara meets Nico again, they have a chance to start over.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 13-18

Callender, Kacen. *Infinity Alchemist*. 2024. 400p. Tor Teen/Macmillan. \$19.99 (9781250890252).

Ash Woods wanted to be an elite alchemist, but he was rejected from the College of Alchemic Science. He gets hired as the school's groundskeeper so he can learn alchemy in secret. When he is caught by Ramsay Throne, Ash agrees to help her find the legendary Book of Source.

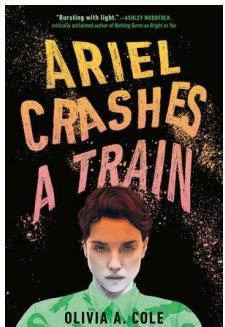


Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14+

***Chee, Traci.** *Kindling*. 2024. 432p. HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063269354).

In a war-ravaged world where the use of elite magic-wielding soldiers has been outlawed, seven kindlings search for purpose and identity as they prepare for one final battle.

Young Adult Titles



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14+

Cole, Olivia A. *Ariel Crashes a Train*. 2024. 464p. Labyrinth Road/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780593644669).

Ariel wants more than anything to keep her family and friends safe, so why does she constantly envision them dying? Living with her parents who believe that she can pray the thoughts away, Ariel needs something to change to make sure that she does not, in fact, crash the train.



Fiction – Historical, Ages 14+

Cottler, Erin. *By Any Other Name*. 2023. 464p. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. \$21.99 (9781665940719).

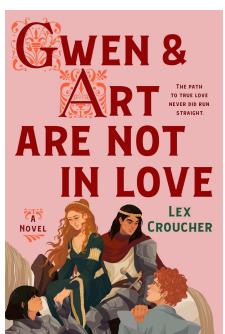
Will Hughes is a struggling actor who gets wrapped up in a plot against the Queen alongside his crush and a cast of dramatic characters.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 13+

Crespo, Alex. *Queerceña*. 2024. 304p. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063257405).

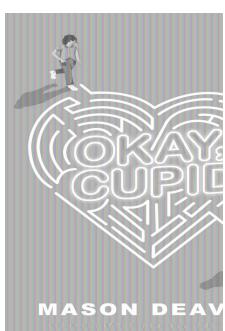
A whirlwind of telenovela-level drama and hijinks ensue when Joaquin Zoido finds himself fake-dating his childhood crush and newly minted date to his queerceña.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 14-18

Croucher, Lex. *Gwen & Art Are Not in Love*. 2023. 416p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$20.00 (9781250847218).

In medieval England, the bickering, betrothed duo, Arthur and Gwen, find common ground in their secret romantic interests, leading them to form an unexpected alliance while navigating Camelot's summer festivities.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Deaver, Mason. *Okay, Cupid*. 2024. 320p. PUSH/Scholastic Press. \$19.99 (9781338777697).

As a cupid, Jude's job is to bring couples together, and their new assignment involves a couple of teenagers--except Jude's attraction to a certain human boy keeps getting in the way and threatening their career.

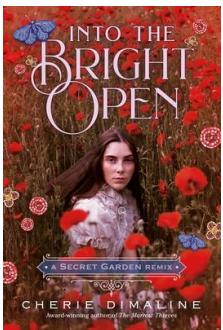
Young Adult Titles



Fiction – Romance, Ages 14-18

DeWitt, Amanda. *Wren Martin Ruins It All.* 2023. 400p. Peachtree Teen/Peachtree Publishing. \$18.99 (9781682635988).

Wren Martin, the asexual student council president, plans to eliminate the school's annual Valentine's Day Dance, until his rival Leo sabotages Wren's plan by securing a sponsorship from a dating app, which leads to unexpected feelings and realizations about Leo's seemingly perfect life.



Fiction – Historical, Ages 13-18

Dimaline, Cherie. *Into the Bright Open: A Secret Garden Remix.* 2023. 288p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$19.99 (9781250842657).

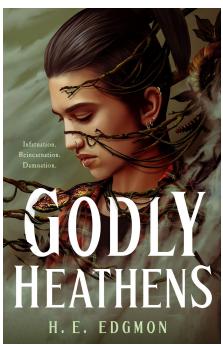
15-year-old Mary is sent to her uncle's Georgian Bay manor after her parents' deaths. Amid family secrets, she befriends her sickly cousin Olive, hidden away in the attic, and discovers an overgrown garden tied to their past. With the help of Métis friends, Mary uncovers truths of love, colonization, and resilience in a richly woven tale of mystery, belonging, and second chances.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 12+

Dugan, Jennifer. *Playing for Keeps.* 2024. 320p. G. P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780593696866).

June, a baseball pitcher, and Ivy, a student umpire, fall for one another against league regulations and must keep their relationship a secret while confronting their respective traumatic losses.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14-18

Edgmon, H.E. *Godly Heathens.* 2023. 400p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$20.00 (9781250853615).

Gem Echols thinks they're a normal nonbinary teen until Willa Mae Hardy saves their life and informs them they're a reincarnated god. If that wasn't enough of a shock, they're the reincarnation of a god who has enemies.



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14+

***Etaat, Shideh.** *Rana Joon and the One and Only Now.* 2023. 304p. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99 (9781665917629).

After losing her best friend in a tragic car accident, Rana Joon has to navigate her senior year without the one person who knows her truths -- including that she likes girls.

Young Adult Titles



Fiction – Romance, Ages 13-18

*Garza Villa, Jonny. *Canto Contigo*. 2024. 352p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$20.00 (9781250875754).

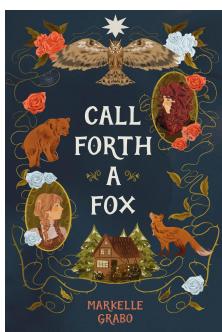
When Rafael transfers schools, he expects to easily snatch the role of the lead vocalist in the school's Mariachi group. But when Rey takes the spot instead, their heated romantic tension morphs into a heated competitive spirit that may ruin the group's chances of succeeding.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 12-17

Gonzalez Rose, Elle. *Caught in a Bad Fauxmance*. 2023. 320p. Joy Revolution/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593645826).

Devin returns to his family lakehouse with the hopes of having a relaxing winter break. But when his arch-nemesis asks him to pose as his boyfriend to get back at an ex, Devin takes this opportunity to spy on the rival neighbors.

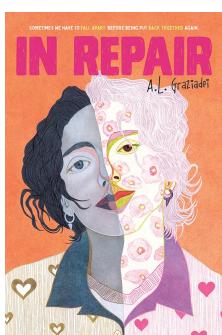


Fiction – Fairy Tale, Ages 14-17

Grabo, Markelle. *Call Forth a Fox*. 2024. 384p. Page Street YA/Page Street Publishing. \$18.99 (9798890039705).

When Ro witnesses a fox attempting to flee a bear attack, she intervenes. Then the bear transforms into a boy who remembers nothing except that he must kill the fox.

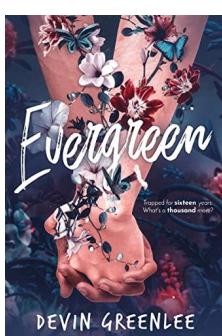
Ro will have to remember everything she's been taught about magic in order to break the curse in this sapphic retelling of *Snow White and Rose Red*.



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14-18

Graziadei, A.L. *In Repair*. 2024. 320p. Godwin Books/Macmillan. \$19.99 (9781250777133).

Branded as a troublemaker and attention-seeker, Nathaniel Conti aims to reset during his freshman year of college. But when a former friend reappears, Nathaniel must confront old habits and the trauma he has long avoided.

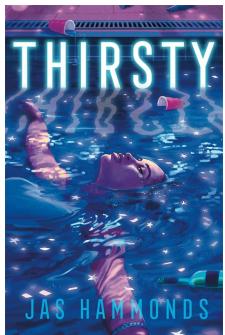


Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14+

Greenlee, Devin. *Evergreen*. 2024. 400p. Entangled Teen/Entangled Publishing. \$17.99 (9781649375377).

Quill lives in a Dryad world of magic—except he doesn't have any. And he is forced to watch the outside world from afar. When his human neighbor discovers his existence, Quill learns that parts of the outside world are hard to resist.

Young Adult Titles

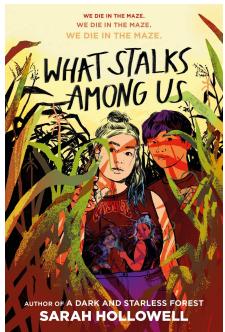


Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14-18

Hammonds, Jas. *Thirsty*. 2024. 336p. Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan. \$19.99

(9781250816597).

Blake and her girlfriend Ella have just one goal for their summer before college: pledge as sorority sisters into the elite Serena Society. Ella's a legacy, but Blake only feels confident at Serena events when she's drinking. As the pledge tasks intensify, so does Blake's drinking.



Fiction – Horror, Ages 13+

Hollowell, Sarah. *What Stalks Among Us*. 2023. 400p. Clarion Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99
(9780063251816).

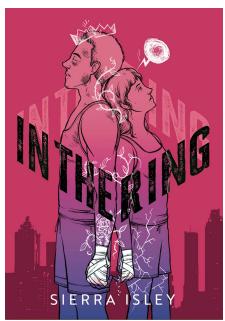
When Sadie and Logan keep dying and restarting the corn maze, they realize life is playing by video game rules, but for how long? Can they trust the mysterious girl who seems to know more about how this magical maze works?



Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Hubbard, Matthew. *The Last Boyfriends Rules for Revenge*. 2024. 368p. Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780593707173).

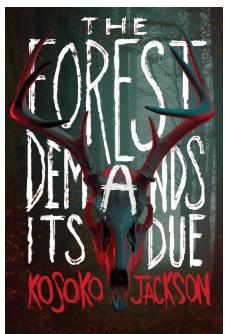
Queer friends who have all experienced terrible treatment from their exes create an anonymous TikTok account to vent their frustrations and exact some revenge. But when their Alabama school district starts censoring queer voices through new initiatives, their account becomes the start of a queer rebellion.



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14-18

Isley, Sierra. *In the Ring*. 2023. 315p. The Little Press. \$14.99 (9781956378146).

Still reeling from the death of her mother, Rose, with her deteriorating mental health, has become an easy target for bullies. But after resident bad boy, Elliott, defends Rose, she becomes enraptured with the world of boxing. Falling deeper into an underground world of violence, Rose's mental health becomes harder to manage. Is this something she can fight her way out of?

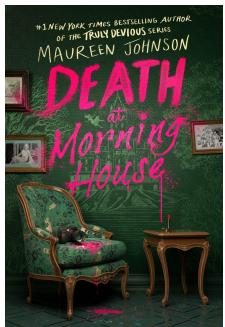


Fiction – Horror, Ages 14+

Jackson, Kosoko. *The Forest Demands Its Due*. 2023. 432p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063260795).

When Douglas's mom accepts a job at Regent Academy, a school known for producing powerful and successful students, he finds himself as one of the only Black students among a mostly white student body. But when the forest starts speaking to him and he sees another student gravely injured, he realizes that he's not just struggling to adjust—there's something deeply sinister afoot!

Young Adult Titles



Fiction – Mystery, Ages 14+

Johnson, Maureen. *Death at Morning House.* 2024. 384p. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063255951).

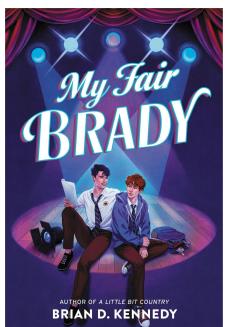
Marlowe Wexler escapes her embarrassing arson mishap and heartbreak by taking a summer job as a tour guide at Morning House, a remote 1920s mansion. While navigating messy dynamics among her coworkers, she uncovers chilling secrets about the eccentric family who once lived there.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 12+

Kanter, Marisa. *Finally Fitz.* 2024. 400p. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99 (9781665926072).

Heartbroken after her breakup with her girlfriend Dani, bisexual Fitz hatches a plan with childhood friend Levi to fake an online romance to make their exes jealous, which leads to unexpected real feelings as they navigate the complexities of love, friendship, and authenticity.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 13+

Kennedy, Brian D. *My Fair Brady.* 2024. 352p. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063085718).

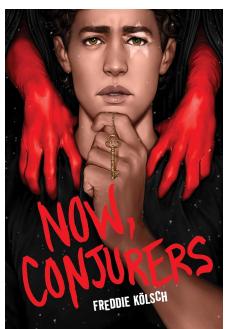
When Wade is passed over as the lead in the spring musical for none other than his ex, Reese, he strikes a deal with the shy stage hand Elijah to prove he cares about someone other than himself.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 14-17

Khorram, Adib. *The Breakup Lists.* 2024. 336p. Dial Books/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780593616390).

A high school stage manager has to face his complicated feelings about love when he catches himself falling for the same guy as his sister.

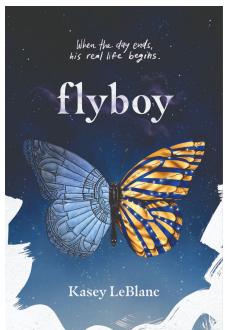


Fiction – Horror, Ages 14-18

Kölsch, Freddie. *Now, Conjurers.* 2024. 384p. Union Square & Co. \$19.99 (9781454951599).

Following the murder of their leader and friend, a tight-knit coven of queer teens takes on a wish-granting demon lurking in their town.

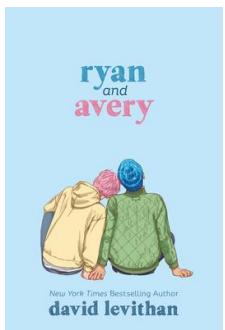
Young Adult Titles



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 13+

*LeBlanc, Kasey. *Flyboy*. 2024. 368p. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063284357).

A boy visits the magic-filled circus of his dreams each night in order to escape his daily reality where his trans identity remains a secret.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 12+

Levithan, David. *Ryan and Avery*. 2023. 320p. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780399553097).

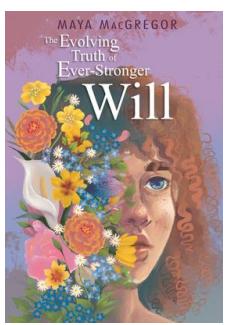
Two boys, blue-haired Ryan and pink-haired Avery, meet at a queer prom, then go on their first 10 dates where they fall in love amidst snowstorms, groundings, meeting parents, heartbreak, and every day and date in between.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14+

Lukens, F.T. *Otherworldly*. 2024. 352p. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99 (9781665916257).

Ellery is a skeptic teen from a region plagued with winter. Knox is a magical familiar from the Otherworld. When Ellery rescues Knox from the crossroads demons, they strike up a bargain to work together to help both their worlds.



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 12+

MacGregor, Maya. *The Evolving Truth of Ever-Stronger Will*. 2023. 272p. Astra Young Readers/Astra Publishing House. \$19.99 (9781662620171).

17-year-old Will struggles with the aftermath of parental abuse and the foster care system, and they must learn to forge a new life for themselves.



Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14+

Maldonado, Crystal. *The Fall of Whit Rivera*. 2023. 352p. Holiday House/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780823452361).

Frenemies Whit and Zay have been at odds for years (ever since he broke up with her in the most embarrassing way imaginable), so when they're forced to organize the fall formal together, it's a literal disaster.

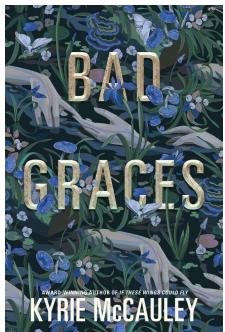
Young Adult Titles



Fiction – Paranormal, Ages 12+

Marshall, Kate Alice. *The Narrow*. 2023. 384p. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780593405147).

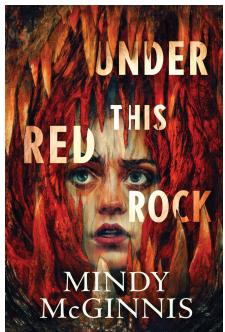
Everyone knows that if you fall into The Narrow, you are never coming back. Yet Eden witnessed Delphine fall into The Narrow and live. After moving in with Delphine, Eden realizes that something is haunting her—and it is now haunting Eden, too!



Fiction – Horror, Ages 14+

McCauley, Kyrie. *Bad Graces*. 2024. 320p. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063243095).

After a storm wrecks their yacht and leaves them stranded on an island in the North Pacific Ocean, Liv Whitlock and other influencers must learn to survive while dealing with a sinister predator.



Fiction – Thriller, Ages 14+

McGinnis, Mindy. *Under This Red Rock*. 2024. 336p. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063230415).

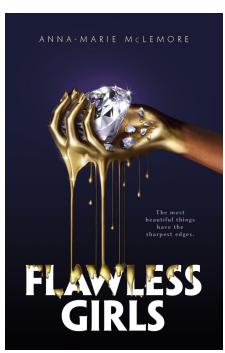
With a family history of mental illness, Neely is desperate to find a place where her monsters can't follow. She finds that place in the local caverns, where she accepts a job as a tour guide and meets Mila, a beautiful girl who quickly turns into a crush. When Mila is found murdered, Neely is left to pick up the pieces and figure out who killed her.



Fiction – Historical, Ages 13+

McKinney, L.L. *Escaping Mr. Rochester*. 2024. 352p. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780062986269).

Jane Eyre takes a position as the governess at Thornfield Hall but discovers that her new boss—Mr. Rochester—has secrets hidden in the manor. When Jane discovers his wife, Bertha, locked in the attic, they work together to keep each other safe as they try and escape.

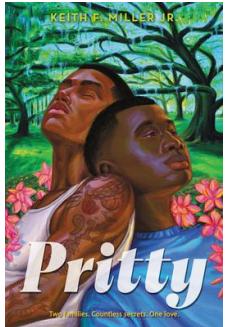


Fiction – Thriller, Ages 13-18

McLemore, Anna-Marie. *Flawless Girls*. 2024. 288p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$20.99 (9781250869630).

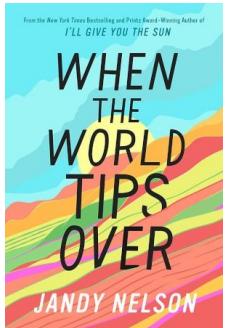
Sisters Isla and Renata Soler are sent to Alarie House, a prestigious finishing school, and within a day, Isla is back home. When Renata returns months later, she's like all of those other eerily pleasant and polite school girls that Isla left behind. When Renata vanishes, Isla returns to Alarie House to find out what happened.

Young Adult Titles



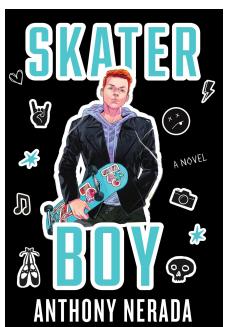
Fiction – Romance, Ages 13+

Miller, Keith F., Jr. Pritty. 2023. 416p. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063264922).
Jay and Leroy fight to explore their electric connection amid violence against their Black community in the heat of a Savannah summer.



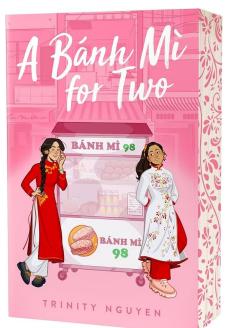
Fiction – Speculative, Ages 14+

Nelson, Jandy. When the World Tips Over. 2024. 528p. Dial Books/Penguin Random House. \$21.99 (9780525429098).
Each of the Fall siblings are struggling with their own battles in the wake of their father's abandonment. Then Cassidy shows up, and she is the catalyst for each of them to embark on their own journeys of self-discovery and learning the truth.



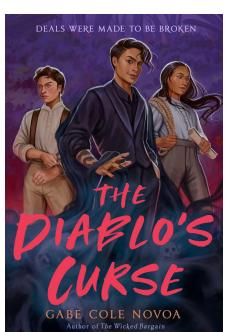
Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Nerada, Anthony. Skater Boy. 2024. 312p. Soho Teen/Soho Press. \$18.99 (9781641295345).
Wes struggles with his unchecked anger, rowdy friends, and failing grades. When he sees Tristan in a ballet production of The Nutcracker, Wes decides he needs to drop his Bad Boy image and come out of the closet to find true happiness with the boy he might be growing to love.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 14-18

Nguyen, Trinity. A Bánh Mì for Two. 2024. 224p. Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)/Macmillan. \$24.99 (9781250910820).
In this sweet sapphic romance about two foodies in love, Vivi meets Lan while studying abroad in Vietnam and they spend the semester unraveling their families' histories—and eating all the street food in Sài Gòn.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 12-17

Novoa, Gabe Cole. The Diablo's Curse. 2024. 400p. Random House Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780593378052).
Dami the demon has an opportunity to become human again, but they must cancel all the deals they have previously made, including the one that is currently keeping cursed Silas alive. If they can destroy the curse, they can both get what they want.

Young Adult Titles



Fiction – Historical, Ages 13-18

Novoa, Gabe Cole. *Most Ardently: A Pride & Prejudice Remix.* 2024. 304p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$19.99 (9781250869807).

This remixed take on *Pride & Prejudice* follows Oliver Bennet as he tries to not only survive, but thrive as a trans man in 1800s London. But things get even more complicated when a sulky young man named Darcy arrives.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14-18

Pacton, Jamie. *The Absinthe Underground.* 2024. 304p. Peachtree Teen/Peachtree Publishing. \$19.99 (9781682634929).

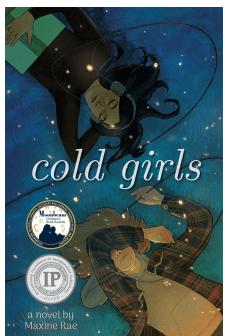
Sybil and Esme are friends and roommates who work together to steal and sell posters for money. When they are caught by Maeve, they are invited to join The Absinth Underground and offered a heist opportunity with a payout larger than they've ever had.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 12+

***Powars, Page.** *The Borrow a Boyfriend Club.* 2023. 352p. Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593568583).

Transgender high-schooler Noah starts at a new school and will do anything to make sure he isn't misgendered, even if that means joining the school's secret Borrow a Boyfriend club! Before he can join, Noah must impress club president Asher and help them win the talent show.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 14-18

Rae, Maxine. *Cold Girls.* 2023. 352p. Flux/North Star Editions. \$14.99 (9781635830897).

Rory Quinn-Morelli just wants to avoid reality, because living in reality means acknowledging that her best friend Liv died in the car crash that she survived. But connecting with others means letting the ice wall she has built around her thaw. And if it starts to thaw, what will come out?

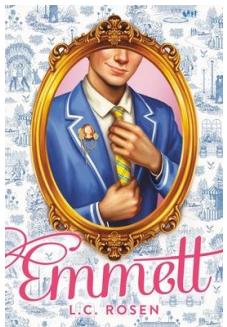


Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Randall, Christen. *The No-Girlfriend Rule.* 2024. 336p. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99 (9781665939812).

Hollis wants to connect with her boyfriend, Chris, by learning and playing his favorite tabletop role playing game, but the guys have a "No Girlfriends" rule. So Hollis finds a group of her own, with girls that accept her for her fat, anxious self. As Hollis finds her voice both in and out of game, she realizes that she deserves more than just complacency.

Young Adult Titles



Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Rosen, L.C. **Emmett**. 2023. 272p. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette. \$18.99 (9780316524773).

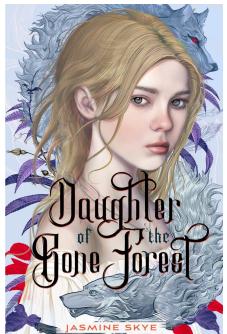
In this modern queer retelling of Jane Austen's *Emma*, Emmett Woodhouse decides to play matchmaker for his friend-with-benefits Harrison. But sometimes matchmaking gets a little messy.



Fiction – Historical, Ages 13+

Schrefer, Eliot. **Charming Young Man**. 2023. 288p. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780062982391).

A young rising star French pianist navigates his way into high society as he explores his sexuality.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 13-18

Skye, Jasmine. **Daughter of the Bone Forest**. 2024. 432p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$20.99 (9781250872456).

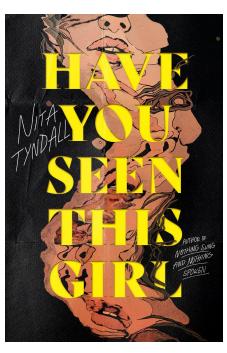
Living with her grandmother in the Bone Forest, Rosy, a bone familiar, is surprised when Princess Shaw offers her a chance to study at Witch Hall. While all Rosy wants to do is learn enough to heal her grandmother, Princess Shaw needs Rosy to fight beside her in the upcoming war.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 12+

Sutherland, Krystal. **The Invocations**. 2024. 400p. Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin Random House. \$20.99 (9780593532263).

Nearly a year has passed since Zara's sister's murdered, and she's running out of time to resurrect her. It's been years since Jude cursed herself, and she's running out of time to find a cure. When their paths cross at a murder scene, Zara and Jude are led to Emer, a witch who can solve both their problems. But now Emer's clients are turning up dead.

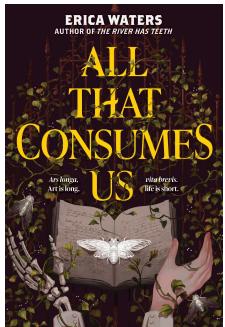


Fiction – Mystery, Ages 13-17

Tyndall, Nita. **Have You Seen This Girl**. 2024. 272p. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063305885).

Sid's dad is in prison for killing girls in Cardinal Creek. When girls start going missing again, Sid must find out what is happening before they get blamed for it this time.

Young Adult Titles



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 13+

Waters, Erica. *All That Consumes Us.* 2023. 416p. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063115965).

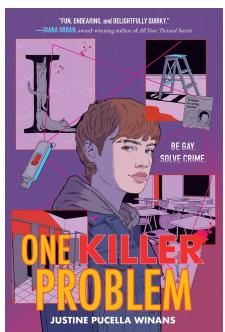
First-generation college student Tara can't believe her luck when she's offered the chance to join the ranks of Corbin College's elite and mysterious academic society, Magni Viri. Everything seems to be falling into place for her until terrifying visions begin keeping her up at night.



Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 14+

White, Andrew Joseph. *The Spirit Bares Its Teeth.* 2023. 384p. Peachtree Teen/Peachtree Publishing. \$19.99 (9781682636114).

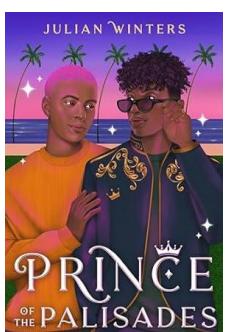
In an alternate London in which the Veil between the living and the deceased has thinned, autistic and trans sixteen-year-old Silas wants to become a surgeon and refuses to let his violet eyes dictate a future as a dutiful Speaker's wife. After an attempt to subvert that fate goes wrong, Silas finds himself shipped away to a sanitarium to be "cured,"--but the ghosts of former residents have their own plans for him.



Fiction – Thriller, Ages 13+

Winans, Justine Pucella. *One Killer Problem.* 2024. 336p. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063324480).

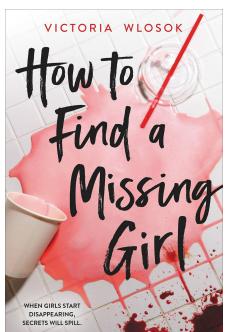
When Gianna "Gigi" Ricci's math teacher is found dead, she's certain it isn't an accident—especially because a mysterious email is the entire reason she found the body. It becomes clear that the murderer doesn't want to be caught, Gigi and the school's Mystery Club are determined to find the killer.



Fiction – Romance, Ages 12+

Winters, Julian. *Prince of the Palisades.* 2024. 352p. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$12.99 (9780593624425).

Prince Jadon thinks he will be spending his time in America avoiding the drama that is his public breakup, but then a pink haired cutie sweeps him off his feet.

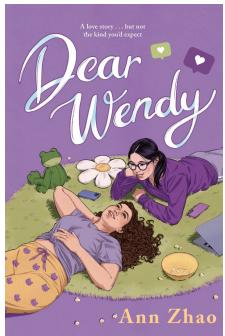


Fiction – Thriller, Ages 14+

Wlosok, Victoria. *How to Find a Missing Girl.* 2023. 400p. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette. \$18.99 (9780316511506).

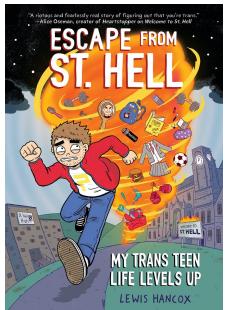
A year after her sister Stella vanished, Iris's ex-girlfriend Heather also goes missing—right after releasing a podcast about Stella. Despite warnings from the suspicious detective, Iris dives into solving the case with her amateur sleuthing agency.

Young Adult Titles



Fiction – Romance, Ages 14-18

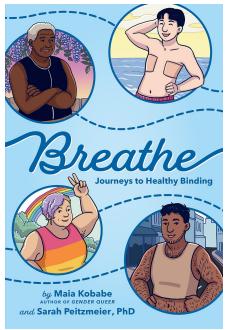
*Zhao, Ann. **Dear Wendy**. 2024. 368p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$19.99 (9781250885005). When two Aro-Ace Asian-American college students running rival anonymous love advice Instagram accounts become friends in real life, will their friendship survive the rivalry once the truth comes out?



Graphic Novel. Nonfiction – Memoir, Ages 14+

Hancox, Lewis. **Escape From St. Hell: My Trans Teen Life Levels Up: A Graphic Novel**. 2024. 304p. Graphix/Scholastic. \$27.99 (9781338824476).

After coming out as trans and beginning his transition journey, Lewis grapples with his self-confidence and anxiety living as a man.



Graphic Novel, Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 14+

*Kobabe, Maia and Dr. Peitzmeier, Sarah. **Breathe: Journeys to Healthy Binding**. 2024. 64p. Dutton BFYR/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9780593855836).

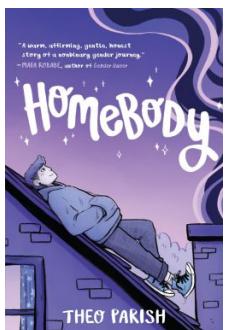
This life saving book not only validates those who bind or want to bind, but also teaches readers safe ways to do so. Beautiful illustrations paired with easy to read text make this instructional guide accessible to all that may need it.



Graphic Novel, Nonfiction – Informational, Ages 8+

Lisel, Sammy and Newlevant, Hazel (editors). **Becoming Who We Are: Real Stories of Growing Up Trans**. 2024. 144p. A Wave Blue World/Diamond Books. \$16.99 (9781949518269).

Nine trans adults tell their stories of growing up in a world that doesn't always respect or accept differences, accompanied by illustrations from nine different queer artists.

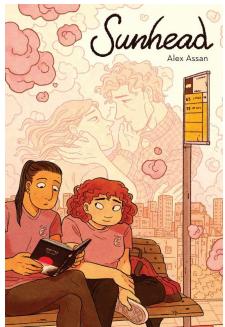


Graphic Novel, Nonfiction – Memoir, Ages 14+

Parish, Theo. **Homebody**. 2024. 224p. HarperAlley/HarperCollins. \$26.99 (9780063319592).

An intimate and defiantly hopeful memoir about the journey one nonbinary person takes to find a home within themself. Combining traditional comics with organic journal-like interludes, Theo takes readers through their experiences with the hundred arbitrary and unspoken gender binary rules of high school.

Young Adult Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14+

Assan, Alex. Sunhead. 2024. 256p. HarperAlley/HarperCollins. \$26.99 (9780063113589).

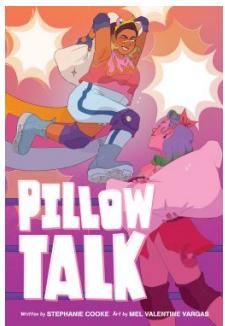
High schooler Rotem feels herself growing apart from her friends in a million inexpressible ways, but an unexpected connection with another student makes her feel more herself than ever before.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Camlin, Anne and Zeferino, Isadora (illustrator). Mismatched. 2024. 264p. Little, Brown Ink/Hachette. \$24.99 (9780316704083).

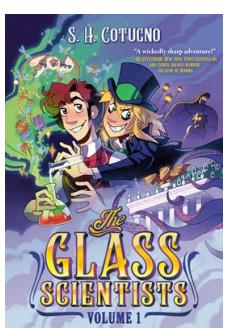
As a beauty influencer, Evan has it all! When a shy transfer student, Natalia, shows up, Evan can't help but play matchmaker. But as things get messy, Evan has to decide if his fame or his friends are more important in this modernized graphic retelling of Jane Austen's Emma.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14+

Cooke, Stephanie and Valentine Vargas, Mel (illustrator). Pillow Talk. 2024. 304p. HarperAlley/HarperCollins. \$26.99 (9780358525721).

Grace (a.k.a. Cinderhella) is a newbie to the collegiate world of the PFF (Pillow Fighting Federation). In this queer and inclusive graphic, Grace battles body issues and self-doubt through the unique theatrics of pillow fighting and finds a family of inspirational women along the way.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Science Fiction, Ages 12+

Cotugno, S.H. Glass Scientists Volume 1. 2023. 240p. Razorbill/Penguin Random House. \$24.99 (9780593524428).

Dr. Henry Jekyll founded the Society for Arcane Sciences to give mad scientists a place to run their experiments without the danger of angry mobs. It's all going so well until a stranger arrives with dangerous new ideas for the society. Will Dr. Jekyll be able to protect his vision or will what he's built come tumbling down?

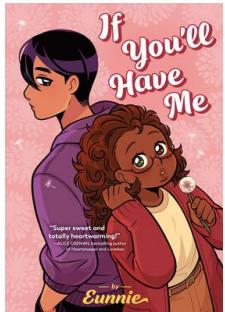


Graphic Novel, Fiction – Paranormal, Ages 12+

Dugan, Jennifer and Seaton, Kit (illustrator). Full Shift. 2024. 256p. G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR/Penguin Random House. \$24.99 (9780593529843).

Tessa struggles with unrequited love for her best friend Maddie and her inability to shift into a full wolf. When werewolf hunters develop a treatment to make werewolves human, Tessa sees a chance to be normal. But as she uncovers their true motives, she must protect her pack and the people she loves most.

Young Adult Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Eunnie. If You'll Have Me. 2023. 336p. Viking BFYR/Penguin Random House. \$24.99 (9780593403228).

Shy, people-pleasing Momo falls for the seemingly emotionally unavailable PG, a girl with a reputation for being a flirt.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 13-17

Franey, Erin Ellie. Monster Crush. 2024. 272p. Dark Horse Books/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9781506726878).

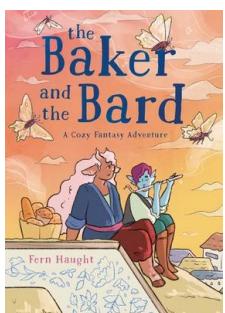
Ruby Reid has struggled with her parents splitting up but when Ella Mooney moves to town, the two hit it off right away. When Ruby discovers Ella's secret—that she can shift into a wolf monster—she helps her avoid the monster hunters that want to capture her!



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Franklin, Ashley Robin. The Hills of Estrella Roja. 2023. 400p. Clarion/HarperCollins. \$21.99 (9780358567028).

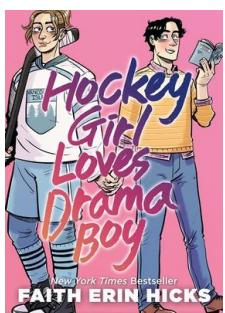
When Mari returns to her estranged Texas hometown for her abuela's funeral, she meets Kat, a podcaster investigating the town's mysterious "devil lights." Together, they uncover eerie secrets hidden in Estrella Roja's hills while facing family tensions and local hostility.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 12-18

Haught, Fern. The Baker and the Bard: A Cozy Fantasy Adventure. 2024. 160p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$25.99 (9781250828507).

In the magical world of Larkspur, baker Juniper and nonbinary bard Hadley embark on a quest to find rare glowing mushrooms, uncovering an environmental mystery along the way.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Sports, Ages 14-18

Hicks, Faith Erin. Hockey Girl Loves Drama Boy. 2023. 304p. FirstSecond/Macmillan. \$25.99 (9781250838735).

Alix needs Ezra's help to stand up to the bullying on her hockey team. As the two grow closer, a deep relationship forms in this beautiful black-and-white graphic novel with expertly used splashes of blue throughout.

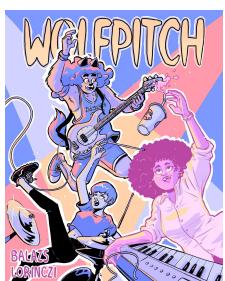
Young Adult Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fairy Tales, Ages 13-17

Kopp, Anna and Kari, Gabrielle. *The Marble Queen*. 2024. 336p. Dark Horse Books/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9781506728124).

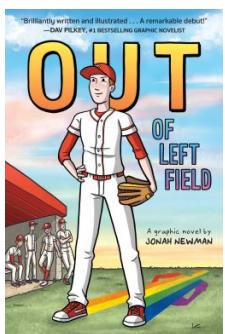
Princess Amelia is reluctant to enter an arranged marriage with the kingdom of Iliad's prince, but she knows the match is her kingdom's last hope to bolster its failing economy. But when she arrives in Iliad she discovers that there's been a misunderstanding. She's going to be marrying Iliad's queen instead!



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 13-17

Lorinczi, Balazs. *Wolfpitch*. 2024. 188p. Top Shelf Productions/IDW Publishing. \$19.99 (9781603095396).

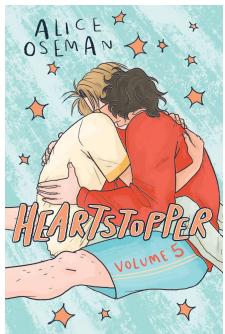
A supernatural rock band wants to win Battle of the Bands, but can they find a way to play without killing each other?



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Sports, Ages 14-17

Newman, Jonah. *Out of Left Field*. 2024. 304p. Andrews McMeel Publishing/Simon & Schuster. \$21.99 (9781524884840).

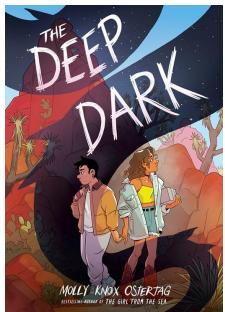
Following all four years of Jonah's journey with high school baseball, this semi-autobiographical graphic explores Jonah's doubts and struggles on and off the field, as he works his way up from the bottom of the team and comes into his sexuality.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Romance, Ages 14+

Oseman, Alice. *Heartstopper #5: A Graphic Novel*. 2024. 336p. Graphix/Scholastic Press. \$25.99 (9781338807509).

In the penultimate volume of the beloved *Heartstopper* series, Nick and Charlie are tested as Nick looks at universities, and the two grapple with being apart long-term.

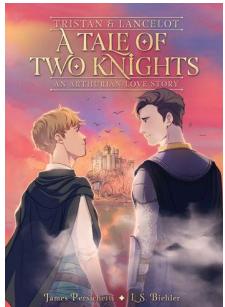


Graphic Novel, Fiction – Horror, Ages 14-18

Ostertag, Molly Knox. *The Deep Dark*. 2024. 480p. Graphix/Scholastic Press. \$27.99 (9781338840001).

Mags has just been going through the motions, going to school, working part-time, and caring for her ailing grandmother. But when an old friend returns to town, Mags is forced to confront the monster in the basement—which may just be herself.

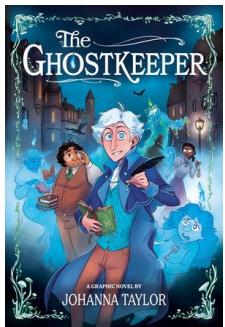
Young Adult Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Romance, Ages 13+

Persichetti, James and Biehler, L.S. (illustrator). *Tristan and Lancelot: A Tale of Two Knights.* 2024. 336p. HarperAlley/HarperCollins. \$26.99 (9780358541240).

In this graphic queer reimagining of an Arthurian legend, Knights of the Round Table Tristan and Lancelot set out together to find the magician Merlin.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 12+

Taylor, Johanna. *The Ghostkeeper.* 2024. 272p. G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR/Penguin Random House. \$24.99 (9780593526675).

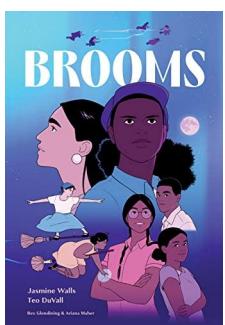
Dorian Leith can see ghosts. While the community shuns him for it, he uses his gift to help the ghosts move on to the afterlife. When the key to Death's Door is stolen, Dorian is the only one who can find it before the ghosts are consumed by the ghostly rot.



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Sports, Ages 14-18

Ukazu, Ngozi and Rupert, Mad (illustrator). *Bunt! Striking Out on Financial Aid.* 2024. 288p. FirstSecond/Macmillan. \$25.99 (9781250193520).

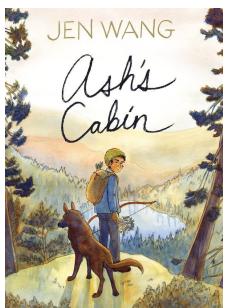
When Molly's full-ride scholarship to her dream art school all but vanishes, she must quickly pull together a ragtag group of students for a softball team and win at least one game to qualify for an athletic scholarship. Can this group of artsy queers finish the job or will they drop the ball?



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Fantasy, Ages 12-18

Walls, Jasmine and DuVall, Teo (illustrator). *Brooms.* 2023. 224p. Levine Querido/Chronicle Books. \$24.99 (9781646142675).

The Night Storms, a broom racing group of six magical women, face discrimination from society and other witches as they fight for their safety and right to exist.

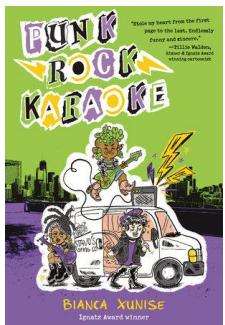


Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14-18

Wang, Jen. *Ash's Cabin.* 2024. 320p. FirstSecond/Macmillan. \$25.99 (9781250754059).

16-year-old Ash seeks solace in a remote cabin in Northern California, away from a family that struggles with their identity. With a mix of survival skills and emotional introspection, Ash navigates isolation, self-discovery, and the challenges of the wilderness.

Young Adult Titles



Graphic Novel, Fiction – Realistic, Ages 14+

Xunise, Bianca. *Punk Rock Karaoke*. 2024. 256p. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$24.99 (9780593464502).

Ariel Grace Jones is determined to make it in the punk-rock scene, but her band can't find their groove. When a local Punk Rock icon takes interest, this could be the big break she's been looking for.



Manga – Romance, Ages 16+

Lazysheep and Haruyama, Hibiko (illustrator). *The Red Thread, Volume 1*. 2023. 162p. Yen Press. \$13.00 (9781975364090).

_____. *The Red Thread, Volume 2*. 2024. 162p. Yen Press. \$13.00 (9781975372279).

The red thread of fate ties two boys together in Thailand after being tragically torn apart in their past lives.



Manga – Romance, Ages 16+

Kuzushiro. *The Moon on a Rainy Night, Volume 1*. 2023. 193p. Kodansha Comics/Penguin Random House. \$12.99 (9781646519415).

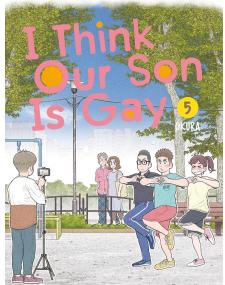
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_____. *The Moon on a Rainy Night, Volume 4*. 2024. 177p. Kodansha Comics/Penguin Random House. \$12.99 (9798888770719).

_____. *The Moon on a Rainy Night, Volume 5*. 2024. 176p. Kodansha Comics/Penguin Random House. \$12.99 (9798888772355).

Saki's new classmate, Kanon, is extremely guarded, exacerbated by being hard of hearing. But Saki is determined to get to know the new girl she has an undeniable attraction to.



Manga – Slice of Life, Ages 13+

Okura. *I Think Our Son Is Gay, Vol. 5*. 2024. 128p. Square Enix Manga/Penguin Random House. \$14.99 (9781646092574).

In this final volume, Tomoko, the mother of two boys, must roll with the tides of change as her husband returns home to a family that has shifted in his absence.

Young Adult Titles



Manga – Slice of Life, Ages 13+

Yodokawa. *Monthly in the Garden With My Landlord*, Vol. 1. 2023. 180p. Yen Press. \$15.00 (9781975362652).

_____. *Monthly in the Garden With My Landlord*, Vol. 2. 2024. 162p. Yen Press. \$15.00 (9781975372231).

Aasako is taking a break from women! Deciding to finally live on her own, she rents a discounted apartment only to discover that the landlord literally lives in the apartment!



Manga – Slice of Life, Ages 16+

Yuzaki, Sakaomi. *She Loves to Cook, and She Loves to Eat*, Vol 3. 2023. 194p. Yen Press. \$15.00 (9781975372330).

While neighbors Nomoto and Kasuga continue to eat together, will their feelings finally be realized!? PLUS, there's a new neighbor in town!